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**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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RE: Appropriation Request  
State Emergency Operations Center

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin,

On behalf of the State of Wisconsin, Division of Emergency Management, I would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the appropriation request regarding the state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This request would have significant and lasting impact in expanding and updating the state's capabilities in responding to disasters.

The state's EOC is the central coordination point for all disaster response in Wisconsin. The current EOC was built in available space of approximately 2,000 square feet within the Department of Military Affairs in 1994. The technology presently used is several years old and we experience constant computer problems whenever the EOC is activated. Both the available space and our technology do not meet current needs for our state and the significant events we respond to. We have activated the EOC 18 times in the last 24 months.

In addition to the work needed in improving the state EOC, we have looked to the future in terms of homeland security and information sharing across Wisconsin. The state's intelligence fusion center, the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center (WSIC) is the state's information hub in sharing between emergency responders, critical infrastructure and the private sector. Great synergies will be realized in co-locating the WSIC with the EOC, which is also part of this expansion and improvement plan.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for any consideration and assistance you can give our state with this critically important appropriation request.

Most Sincerely,

Edward F. Wall  
Administrator